

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 16-28 are pending. Claims 13, 23, and 27 have been amended. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the original and other claims in this and any other application.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgement that claims 1-12, 14, 16-22, 24-26, and 28 are allowable and again thank the Examiner for taking time to speak by telephone with Applicants' representatives on November 17, 2006.

Claims 13, 23, and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Support for the amendment is present in Applicant's disclosure at least at page 18, line 20 through page 19, line 8. Therefore, the rejection of claims 13, 23, and 27 should be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for immediate allowance and respectfully requests that it be passed to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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